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**METHOD FOR CREATING DENSE DRILLING FLUID ADDITIVE  
AND COMPOSITION THEREFOR**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of United States Serial No. 09/360,558, filed July 26, 1999, <sup>now abandoned</sup> and claims the benefits of provisional application of United States Serial No. 60/189,007, filed March 13, 2000.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**Field of the Invention**

The invention relates to an improved additives for drilling fluid during drilling operations. In particular, the additive is formed such that the additive can be incorporated into the drilling fluid with much greater speed, reduction of dust and reduction of volume compared to powdered or ground additives of similar components.

**Description of the Prior Art**

Various drilling fluid additives are known in the art. They are used as lost circulation additives, fluid loss additives, seepage loss additives, viscosifiers, thinners, shale control